

DID THOS. W. PRICE KILL JOHN BAKER?

It Was Charged That Hall Carter Was
Not His First Murder.

MRS. PRICE GIVEN AS AUTHORITY

The Old Lady Alleged to Be in a Starving Condition—She Signs an Affidavit Saying Price Did Not Kill Baker—Cared for by Friends.

Not a little interest has been taken in the charge that Thomas W. Price, the convicted murderer of Hall Carter, who will be hanged in a few weeks unless pardoned by Governor Tyler before his reprieve of sixty days expires, was also the slayer of John Baker.

Strong color was given to this story last week by a letter to The Times from a well-known merchant at Darlington Heights. The letter is extraordinary, and says:

"Mrs. T. W. Price has acknowledged to me, Edward Shorter, of this place, that Mr. Price did kill John Baker about seven or eight years ago by striking him over the head with a stick of wood.

"The above will be sworn to before an officer, if necessary."

"Now let some of the friends that are signing the petition send some help to old Mrs. Price, who is in a destitute condition, hardly able to live on her own."

"None of the papers that have been crying pity, pity, pity, for the old man have thought or been informed of the conditions and surroundings of Mrs. Price.

"How many of the signers for mercy will send her one dollar to buy her medicine and something to eat?"

"This end of the county has not been fairly treated or heard from. The above is ready for investigation."

The Times, not being willing to publish so grave a charge, took the writer's suggestion that it needed investigation, and a careful inquiry tends to refute the charges in the letter.

A Times representative, who fully investigated the charges, writes that Mrs. Price has signed a deposition, in which she states that she did not remember to have made any statement about Price killing Baker, and that he did not kill him.

The correspondent further says: "I find that Mrs. Price is not in a starving condition, and that her relatives are able and willing to care for her."

"Parties just from this state who have abundance of food, and that she denies having said that the letter written you states."

"I have seen her deposition also to this effect, taken today, in which she claims that she did not make such a statement."

"She also said to parties present that certain parties told her if she would sign such a deposition as the letter to The Times claimed she would sign, they (the parties) would give her nothing during the rest of her life. She is very old and in her dotage."

SHOULD THE CITY OWN THEM?

Municipal Control of Railways and Conduits to be Vital Issue.

The question of municipal ownership of street railways and conduits is one that bids fair to become one of the vital issues before the Council. It has been agitated from time to time for months past and has found favor in the sight of many of the city fathers.

At the next meeting of the Common Council Mr. Pollock, of Jackson Ward, will introduce the following resolution: Be it resolved by the Council of the city of Richmond, that the Committee on Charter Changes be hereby instructed to report to this body amendments to the charter of the city of Richmond, as follows:

First: Granting power to the city to construct, acquire by purchase, maintain and operate street railways, telegraph and telephone lines, and conduits for gas, water, and other utilities, and in furtherance of such powers to issue bonds and secure the same upon such franchises, trackage, rolling stock, etc.

Second: Granting power to the city to construct, maintain, rent or lease underground conduits within the city of Richmond for the conduct of telephone, telegraph and other utility lines, and in furtherance of such powers to issue bonds and secure the same upon such franchises, trackage, rolling stock, etc.

The bond issue proposed in the above resolution will find strong opponents in both bodies of the Council, but the fight promises to be an exceedingly interesting one.

The proposition will, of course, be fought by the representatives of the city, already formed to acquire the franchises which Mr. Pollock's motion proposes shall be owned by the city.

NEW AFTERNOON PAPER.

Messrs. Wilson and Worsham Will Start One Soon.

A new afternoon paper will be started in Richmond at an early date. Mr. Harvey L. Wilson will be editor, and Mr. Gibson Worsham will be manager. The name of the new paper has not yet been decided upon, but the company which will publish it has been organized and the paper will be started on Monday.

Mr. Wilson has for years been associated with The Times and was at one time its Washington correspondent. He is recognized as one of the most brilliant newspaper men in Virginia.

Mr. Worsham has also for a long time been connected with the mechanical department of The Times and is a master of that branch of newspaper work.

Messrs. Wilson and Worsham constitute a strong team and are quite capable of making an up-to-date newspaper.

THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY.

Judge Waddill Decides That a Woman Cannot Claim to Be Such.

A married woman cannot be head of the house if she is married and supported by her husband. This was decided by the matter of Mrs. Marion H. Richardson, of New Kent county, bankrupt, yesterday when Judge Waddill confirmed the report of Referee C. P. Cardwell, in which he held that the bankrupt being a married woman and residing with her husband, he was contributing to the support of the family, she is not the head of the family and not entitled to the homestead and poor debtor's exemptions under the laws of Virginia, provided for householders or heads of families.

Neither of an appeal was given and a suspension bond of \$100 required.

YOUNG FEMALE BURGLARS.

Negro Girls Arrested for Stealing Jewels from a Residence.

Lou Gregory and Mary Mosby, colored girls, apparently about fourteen years of age, were arrested yesterday at the Second police station by Officers Wren and Pottieux, charged with stealing jewelry and wearing apparel from the residence of Mr. James B. Harris, No. 312 south Third street.

The robbery that could be obtained earlier in the day was exceedingly meagre, and the value of the jewelry was placed at a large figure. The robbery occurred some time Sunday morning after 2 o'clock. The room from which the jewelry and clothing were stolen was situated at the rear of the residence, and was occupied by two visiting ladies. Access was gained by means of an outside staircase leading to a small platform on the outside of the room. A door and a window front on the inside of the room were locked, and the thieves entered through the window. The robbery was completed without awakening the sleeping inmates.

The stolen goods were recovered when the two negro girls were arrested. No doubt is entertained of their guilt.

"BELLEVUE" BARN BURNED.

Four Mules and a Valuable Horse Perish—Loss About \$5,000.

The handsome and commodious barn at "Bellevue" on the Hermitage road, was destroyed by fire last evening at about 8 o'clock. The blaze lighted up the sky for miles around. Four mules and a valuable horse were burned to death, and the hay crop and a lot of feed stuff were consumed. The loss is estimated at about \$5,000, and is fully insured. "Bellevue" is owned by Mr. George Pope, of New York.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that the fire was accidentally ignited from the pipe of a lamp.

UNUSUAL ACCIDENTS.

Cartridge on Sidewalk Exploded—A Fitchfork Flew Off the Handle.

Dr. J. Wyatt Davis responded with the ambulance to a call to the First Police Station yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Eddie Johnson, a young white man had encountered a Winchester cartridge lying on the sidewalk. He struck it with a stick, exploding the charge. The bullet and a scrap of the brass shell were embedded in Johnson's shoulder. Dr. Davis removed both substances from the wound.

At 4 o'clock the ambulance was called to a fatal case. A young man, H. C. Brooks, a white man, who had been struck on the head by a pitchfork, was lying on the sidewalk. The man's injury, a two-inch scalp wound, was dressed.

Committee on Police.

The Committee on Police met in the city hall yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with the following members present: Messrs. Boy (chairman), Montgomery and Peffer.

The clerk reported the following balance on account of appropriations for 1899: Pay roll, \$18,250.00; Contingent fund, \$1,250.00; Patrol wagon fund, \$1,250.00; Special contingent fund, \$1,250.00. The balance of the department for July amounting to \$3,697.45, and sundry bills amounting to \$62.13, were audited and ordered to be paid.

The clerk was instructed to communicate with the Police Board and request that they obtain estimates for supplies before making purchases, as is done in all other city departments.

The committee decided to meet at the First Police Station-House on its next regular meeting day in order to make an inspection.

Virginians at the Hotels.

B. W. Dawson, Buchanan, C. M. Rutledge, Roanoke, J. T. Gates and wife, and W. P. Perkins, Lynchburg, James D. Bibb, Jr., Amherst, H. C. Phenix, Old Point, W. J. Westbrook, Danville, W. H. Perry, Virginia, G. H. White, Norfolk, Miss H. Patterson, Virginia, are at Ford's.

E. P. Buxton, Newport News, C. B. Smith, Lexington, Mrs. M. Smith, Newport, T. C. Burch, Charlottesville, J. F. W. Sims and Bayard Smith, Louisa, D. S. Jones, wife and sister are at Newport News.

N. and W. Railway Earnings.

The earnings of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company for the month of June, 1899, were:

Total earnings, \$29, \$1,059,683.14; increase, \$18,917.74—2.3 per cent. Total expenses, \$29, \$1,222,590.49; increase, \$10,889.36—2.2 per cent. Net earnings, \$29, \$238,693.44; increase, \$8,028.38—2.4 per cent. Surplus, 1899, \$97,337.36; increase, \$9,125.12—10.5 per cent.

Proportion of expenses to gross earnings, 41 per cent.

Exodus from Newport News.

Mr. George Hamlin, of Newport News was in the city yesterday en route to Philadelphia where he goes to accept a position as traveling salesman with a large firm. Mr. Hamlin gave a parting description of the exodus from Newport News on account of the fever. "Every wagon in town you see is loaded with people taking their families and baggage to the country. I have seen a very large family of colored people being loaded into a car. Even dump carts have been pressed into use to haul people to the depot."

While the people were getting out in this lively fashion, said Mr. Hamlin, conservative and old-fashioned Mr. W. of yellow fever extending to Newport News was not great.

Judge Goff to be Here Next Week.

Mr. Claude M. Dean, deputy clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, received a letter from Judge Goff yesterday, saying that he will be here on Friday, August 11th, to open the court for one day to hear down some three or four pinions, and to dispose of a nation now pending before the court.

Judge Waddill is also expected to be present at that time.

Pleasant Party Down the River.

Mr. Richardson is to give a yachting party on the James river in honor of some ladies who are visiting the city.

The party will include Mrs. London B. Edwards, Chas. M. Edwards, Travis Taylor, and John H. Edwards. Mr. W. H. Slaughter, Mrs. London B. Edwards, Misses Buck, of Front Royal; Gibson, of Louisiana; Katherine Edwards and Agnes Edwards, and Mr. and Mrs. Chambers.

Henrico Court Notes.

J. L. Bank (colored) was yesterday sent to the grand jury of Henrico County Court by Justices Buford and Lewis, on a charge of maliciously cutting Arabelle Baker's hair.

Squire Lewis fined J. J. Orange \$2.50 and costs for being disorderly at the one of the vaudeville shows.

Coal Company Sues.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday was entered by C. P. Lathrop Coal Company against Peale, Peacock and Kerr, for \$500.

A Fighting McKinley.

FITZGERALD, Ga., August 1.—J. N. McKinley, a first cousin of President McKinley, was arrested here yesterday afternoon on a peace warrant. The warrant was sworn out by J. M. Pickler, a neighbor and G. A. R. comrade. McKinley and his wife live on a small tract of land and have had trouble before. McKinley moved here from Canton, Ohio, about two years ago, and is a farmer. He is charged by Pickler with using threatening language against him and also with seeking to have Pickler's pension discontinued. Mr. McKinley has given bond to keep the peace.

Your Stomach Works

hard every day. Is it strange that it stops occasionally? Don't shock it with some griping purgative, but use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a remedy everybody knows. A dose of the Bitters taken regularly will keep the stomach content, the bowels regular and prevent, as well as cure, all disorders of a weak stomach. See that a Private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

Beware of "Something Just As Good."

Our Removal Sale Begins.

White Linon De Docca

Waists.

With linen collar and cuffs, square yokes, with plaits and and inserting, plaited back, blouse front, were \$1.50 each, now 63c

Ladies' Lisle Hose, dropstitch, opera shades, were \$1.25 each, now 12c

Ladies' White Lisle Lace Hose, were \$1.25 each, now 23c

Ladies' White Silk Hose, plain and ribbed, were \$1.25 each, now 49c

Japanese Wash Silks, extra assortment, were \$1.25 each, now 29c

Fancy Taffetas plaids and checks, were \$1.25 each, now 49c

Fancy Striped Taffetas, were \$1.25 each, now 75c

Black Bengaline, was \$1.25 each, now 69c

Ladies' Ribbed Vests, the quality, each, at only 17c

Children's Vests and Pants, plain, natural gauze, were 12c each, now 12c

Ladies' Black Umbrellas, excellent value, at \$1.25 each, now 98c

Parasols, one lot of colored ones at half the original price.

Madras and Scotch Ginghams.

A lot of good colorings and pretty patterns, most of them sold at 25c, now less than 10c. Choose the 12c best at per yard.

Black Pleated Mousseline de Soie.

8-inch deep, litch satin ribbon heading, was \$1.50 per yard, now 66c

7-inch White, same as 62c

6-inch White, with hem, stitched edge, from \$5. 34c

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This for the Centre Counter Sale.

Lapets, Lawns, Gingham, Flannelettes, Cotton Crepons, Dimities, Organdies, Colored Piques, Colored Madras, and Crash Suitings, such materials in such condition you never bought at so small a figure—per yard.

Imitation Renaissance Laces.

The 4-inch widths were 18c, now 12c

The 5-inch widths, were 21c, now 12c

Summer Corsets, were 98c, now 50c

Summer Corsets, drab, were \$1.50 each, now 98c

Ladies' Leather Belts, were 20c, 60c, and \$1 each, 17c

Children's Hose Supporters, were 12c, per pair, 3c

Ladies' Fancy Buckles, were 25c and 35c, now 12c

Ladies' Purses, were \$1.75, now, each, 50c

Colored Dress Goods.

32-inch Plaids, were 12c, now 10c

36-inch Broken Checks, were 10c, now 8c

Colored Cashmeres, 37c, now 30c

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Beaded Edge Footings,

New and Very Effective.

The 3-inch width was 6c, now 4c

The 4-inch width was 8c, now 6c

Fancy Shirred Ribbons, about 25 pieces, all colors, at per yard, 1c

Colored Madras Corsets, our leader at \$1. now, each 89c

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